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Applicant: James W. Jimison
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Appn. Title: Method and Apparatus for Cleaning and Polishing Fruits and Vegetables

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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Sir:

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In response to the Office Action mailed June 10, 2002, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Claims, Status:

Original claims 1-27 are pending in this application.
Claims 3, 21 and 22 are withdrawn from consideration.
Claims 9, 17 and 25 define allowable subject matter.
Claims 1-2, 4-20 and 23-27 stand rejected.

Claims, Amendments:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

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- 1 1. (Amended) An apparatus for cleaning and polishing products, including vegetables and
 - 2 fruits, said apparatus comprising:
 - 3 an elongated outer bag having at least one opening,
 - 4 an inner liner within said outer bag, said inner liner formed of an absorbent material, said
 - 5 inner liner having a thickness within the range of 0.005 to 0.1 inches,
 - 6 and means for closing and securing said opening.

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